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- 1. IN MEETING WITH MR VARTHOLOMEOS, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF GOG'S STATE PURCHASES DIRECTORATE, AGATTACHE VERBALLY TRANSMITTED THE SUMMARY OF REGULATIONS CONCERNING A 1977 AMENDMENT TO THE SUBJECT ACT WHICH PERMITS FOREIGN BUYERS OF U.S. AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES TO STORE THESE COMMODITIES IN THE U.S. FREE FROM QUANTITATIVE LIMITATIONS ON EXPORTS WHICH MIGHT SUBSEQUENTLY BE IMPOSED FOR REASONS OF SHORT SUPPLY.
- 2. IN DISCUSSION THAT FOLLOWED, THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS WERE MADE:
 A) INTEREST IN THE PROGRAM IS LIMITED (I.E. GOG HAS HAD FEW
 PROBLEMS IN PROGRAMMING AND OBTAINING ADEQUATE SUPPLIES OF GRAIN IN
 THE PAST,

CONSEQUENTLY, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR ANY GOG OFFICIAL TO TAKE

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PURCHASING SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS FOR STORAGE IN THE U.S.)

B) IF ANY COMMODITY WERE TO BE PURCHASED AND STORED UNDER THIS UNCLASSIFIED

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PROGRAM, IT WOULD BE YELLOW CORN AND INITIALLY ONLY ON A TRIAL BASIS C) ALL FEED GRAINS IMPORTED INTO GREECE ARE PURCHASED BY THE GOG D) NONE OF THE REQUIREMENTS IN THE REGULATIONS APPEAR TO BE DIFFICULT TO COMPLY WITH

3. AFTER MEETING DESCRIBED ABOVE, AGATTACHE TRANSMITTED COMPLETE SUMMARY OF REGULATIONS TO MR VARTHOLOMEOS BY LETTER DATED

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